IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Shafer, David § ART UNIT: FILED: January 16, 2001 **EXAMINER:** SERIAL NO.: 09/744,097 § FOR: Methods for Detecting and Mapping § Genes, Mutations and Variant § DOCKET: Polynucleotide Sequences D6429

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed July 30, 2001 be extended for one (1) month to and including October 30, 2001. Please debit the \$55 fee from Deposit Account 07-1185 on which the undersigned is allowed to draw.

I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8 that the following correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington DC 20231. Please return the enclosed postcard acknowledging receipt of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

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